



# UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT YOUR LOCAL NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES



## ASSABET RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

(Refuge Open Daily Sunrise-Sunset; Visitor Center Open Friday-Sunday 10AM-4PM)

The Visitor Center is located at 680 Hudson Road, Sudbury, MA, 01776. For questions about programming, please contact Ranger Katie (kathryn\_nathenson@fws.gov or 978-440-0875).

<b>Exhibit of the Month: APRIL</b>	<b>SIGNS OF SPRING</b> Stop by the Visitor Center during regular hours and see our new monthly exhibit. This month features wildlife you are likely to see during the springtime on the Refuge, including eggs and young and migrating wildlife.
<b>Movie of the Month: APRIL</b>	<b>AN INTRODUCTION TO THE THREATENED TURTLES OF MASSACHUSETTS (Runtime: 12 min.)</b> A video on the threatened turtle species found in Massachusetts and the work being done to conserve them. Movie of the month plays on a loop in the Visitor Center during regular hours throughout the month.
<b>Saturday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM</b>	<b>POLLINATOR WORKSHOP presented by the Friends of Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge</b> Learn how honey bees, butterflies, hummingbirds and other native pollinators can improve your garden. MaryKay Fox, President of the Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge, describes the important ecological role native pollinators play and explains how you can create a welcoming environment for pollinators in your backyard using native plants. A limited number of seed packets with planting instructions will be available to attendees. Weather-permitting, there will be a short tour of a nearby Refuge pollinator garden. To learn more about Friends events, please visit <a href="http://www.farnwr.org">www.farnwr.org</a> . Seating is limited, so please RSVP to <a href="mailto:Jared_Green@fws.gov">Jared_Green@fws.gov</a> to attend this seminar.
<b>Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9:00 AM</b>	<b>EARTH DAY AT ASSABET RIVER NWR</b> Join us at the Visitor Center for crafts, games and sustainability-themed fun to celebrate Earth Day!
<b>Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM</b>	<b>SUSTAINABLE SUDBURY MOVIE NIGHT: "BAG IT"</b> Americans use 60,000 plastic bags every five minutes that are then thrown away. But where is "away"? Where do the bags and other plastics end up, and at what cost to our environment, marine life, and human health? BAG IT follows everyman Jeb Berrier as he navigates our plastic world, discovering that virtually everything in modern society is made with plastic or contains potentially harmful chemical additives used in the plastic-making process. The recipient of numerous film festival awards, BAG IT is an eye-opening documentary.  Sustainable Sudbury is an environmentally focused nonprofit organization based in Sudbury, Mass. It is a chapter of the Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) and is dedicated to raising environmental awareness and sponsoring sustainable, earth-friendly activities in our community and beyond. For more information, please visit <a href="http://www.sustainablesudbury.org">www.sustainablesudbury.org</a>
<b>Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-11:30 AM</b>	<b>REFUGE FLEDGLING HOUR</b> Nature themed program series that will include crafts, stories, and games or songs that will relate to a different topic each month. This month's theme will cover the life cycle of a Yellow Spotted Salamander. Programs will be held the 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday of every month 10:30–11:30AM for 2 to 5 year olds; siblings welcome.
<b>Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM</b>	<b>INTRO TO VERNAL POOLS FOR KIDS</b> Warming temperatures and spring rains usher in a very special habitat type that is vital for the life-cycle of our amphibians and reptiles. Come join us at the Visitor Center where we will learn more about our vernal pools and see some live animals! RSVP to Katie (Kathryn_nathenson@fws.gov or 978-440-0875). All ages welcome.
<b>Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:30–11:30 AM</b>	<b>ANIMAL ADVENTURES LIVE ANIMAL PRESENTATION</b> Parents and their children are invited to learn about animals that live in or along rivers during this special program at the Visitor Center. Animal Adventures will present a variety of animals that could live in the Assabet River, or in a river in South America or Madagascar. Learn about their habitats, diet, and other interesting facts! The program is free, but registration is required, RSVP: <a href="mailto:Imatthews@jri.org">Imatthews@jri.org</a> or (978) 429-8284.

## OXBOW NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Entrance: Still River Depot Road parking lot (at end of Still River Depot Road in Harvard, MA). For questions about programs, contact Rona Balco, President of Friends of Oxbow NWR, 978-779-2259 or Ada at [ada.friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com](mailto:ada.friendsoftheoxbownwr@gmail.com)

<b>Saturdays April 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm</b>	<b>ANNUAL WOODCOCK SURVEY</b> Join Friends of the Oxbow for a spring sunset while listening to and watching (hopefully) the courtship flight of the American woodcock. Males spiral high in the air and dive back to the grassy field to attract females. Meet part way down Still River Depot Road in Harvard at the big National Wildlife Refuge sign on the right. For further information, contact Don Macfarlane at 978-897-7567. Rain dates are the following Sundays: April 2nd and 9th.
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**REMINDER: PETS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE REFUGES**  
[Except Service Animals]

**Contact Us**

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